

## LOCAL NEWS.

Tom Crockett, the Dayton horse man was in town Monday, to sell horses.

W. T. Reed editor of the Argus was laid up Wednesday for repairs, having over worked Tuesday.

W. J. Barfield left Thursday morning for Ft. Worth, after a visit of several weeks with J. D. Cantrell, his old partner.

B. V. Bogy returned Wednesday from a trip to Jack county Texas where he visited for a month with his parents and best girl.

C. E. James departed Tuesday for a visit with friends in Midland, Texas, from where he will go to Hot Springs, Arkansas for health purposes.

George Lucas, who has been at Knowles for two weeks moving buildings a half mile south has about completed the job of moving the town.

R. H. Haynes, prosecuting attorney of Austin county, Texas, and William Koy, both of Seal, Texas, came in Monday as witnesses in the McGonagill case.

Mr. Johnson, the stone mason, returned Monday from the D ranch fifty miles southwest in Texas, having constructed a very fine rock residence for Mr. Barnett.

Contractor Toifelmire will complete the Harry Schwerdt residence on Canal street this week. This is one of the neatest and most unique residence in town.

W. G. McArthur and wife of Monument, returned last Friday morning from their eastern trip. While absent they visited relatives in Detroit and several Canada cities.

John Cantrell's friends have been close herding him of late since Mrs. Cantrell has been gone to Amarillo to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Besing. He is liable however, to make a "get away" at any time, being very uneasy.

Mr. Jacobs, of the Oriental Cement Co., of Oriental between Carlsbad and Lakewood was in town last Friday and says the company is finding ready sale for its product in California where it brings more than double as much as the California cement.

Dr. Whicher departed Wednesday morning for Washington, D. C., having been appointed by Gov. Curry as a representative to the International Tuberculosis Congress to convene next week. He will visit his old home in Chautauqua, county New York, while absent expecting to be gone about a month.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Carlsbad Racing Association held Saturday afternoon the following officers were selected for the coming year: W. G. Woerner, president; W. G. Brown, secretary; I. S. Osborne, W. U. Dannelley, Sam B. Smith, C. N. Jones, W. G. Brown, J. J. Draper and W. G. Woerner, directors.

Word has been received by friends of Miss Myrtle Kelton, who has been spending the summer with her parents in Dallas, and whose early return to Carlsbad has been prevented by the illness of her sister, that she will return next Friday, the 25th inst, and resume teaching. Miss Kelton will give instruction in piano music, violin, mandolin and guitar.

The following were in from the Plains this week: J. L. Taylor and sons, Will and Steve, J. H. Graham and son Joe, Geo. and Chas Dublin, Jack Waters and family, D. A. and W. G. McArthur, Geo. and Ed. Gage, Mr. Pinson and son Carlton, Bill Weir and son Bert, Jack and Buck Marrin, Clay McGonagill, Beekham from the J. A. L. range, T. P. Bingham, J. M. Cook and daughter, Oscar Thompson and son and Mr. Posey.

Word was received here by Mr. R. Ohnemus, this morning of the death at Alexandria Indiana, of Mr. Frank Johnson on last Friday Sept 11th. Frank came to Carlsbad on Sept 11th, 1907 just one year from the day he died and during his residence here made many friends, he being a very courteous fellow and all who knew him join the current in extending their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Two bales of cotton were ginned at Loving last Saturday, one from the Donelson farm east of the Pecos the old Hagerman farm and one from Edgar Knowles at Crofton Hill. It seems that the Knowles cotton was ginned first, but the Donelson cotton reached town first. Both are claiming the first bale and the \$100 prize, but both will go to Albuquerque to compete for the big prize.

Messrs Patterson and Atwood of the El Paso Carlsbad Development & Townsite Co., were in town Wednesday leaving by hack and mule team for the point of the Guadalupe. They state that there is no doubt that the railway connecting El Paso and Carlsbad with eastern points will be built shortly.

The Hagerman farm and ditch four miles east of Loving east of the Pecos was sold this week by McLenathen & Tracy to the Malaga Land & Improvement Company, of Malaga. The purchase price is said to be about \$45,000.

D. B. Sutherland and Tom King will start with the Pecos Valley Exhibit car for Albuquerque next Wednesday. The car will stop at Roswell to take on the Santa Fe railway exhibit at that place.

Miss Lizzie DeLong, of Los Angeles, California, accompanied her aunt, Mrs. J. B. Cherbino from Arizona where Mrs. Cherbino visited her daughter Mrs. Rice at Prescott.

Mrs. James Mullane returned from Midland, Wednesday night accompanied by her sister Mrs. G. O. Chance, whom she has been visiting at that place.

Robert Ezell left this morning for the A. & M. college, College Station near Bryan, Texas, where he will take up his studies in the future.

John Dunaway came in Monday from the ranch and says that grass is looking better than he has seen it for ten years.

John W. Ramsey, formerly a barber of Midland came in last night and was shaking hands with old friends.

A. E. Seigner came down from Amarillo, Tuesday to spend a few days with his family.

Rev. C. C. Hill will preach at the Christian church Sunday.

## Farm Notes.

Mr. Ewers brought in various things from his garden for the exhibit through the summer. This week he brought in some very fine onions.

Wm. E. Ball brought in a fine sample of alfalfa seed and of wheat grown on his place near Loving. Both samples are of very fine quality.

Mrs. A. N. Hove contributed fifteen varieties of garden stuff to the exhibit. Nearly all of it is grown in a small garden that she has attended to herself.

C. O. Merrifield brought in four ripe pomegranates for the exhibit on Monday. At his place in Carlsbad he has several pomegranates that are now in bearing.

Fred Anderwotr is having a fine lot of grapes from his vineyard. He has brought several lots to Carlsbad the last two weeks.

Edward Scoggin, the Otis bee-man, furnishes a fine line of honey in cans, glass jars, and in the comb. Mr. Scoggin's honey will convince the skeptical that the Carlsbad Project is a good place for bees.

Kaffir corn, sorghum and other crops are being gathered this week for the exhibit. The Carlsbad Project can show very fine kaffir corn.

Dr. Edward O. Jordan who spent some time here investigating in alkali troubles last fall is very anxious to have notice of any cases that may occur this year. Anyone knowing of any cases will kindly report to Drs. F. E. Doepp and Morris Friedman, or to A. M. Hove. The results of Dr. Jordan's investigation last year were valuable, and it needs but a little further investigation to be able to decide what the trouble is and how it may be overcome.

Miss N. K. Alkire has bought a hundred acres of land adjoining Pinkerton's place at Otis, and will have at least twenty-five acres of alfalfa planted in the next three weeks. This tract of land has not been under cultivation for many years.

Rev. E. Me Queen Gray, Committee on Foreign Representation to the irrigation Congress, has just received notice that Louis V. Abad has been officially appointed from Cuba.

Dr. Ignacio da Costa Duarte from Portugal, Dr. Wm. Saunders, C. M. G.; L. L. D., F. R. S. C., Director of Experimental Farms from Canada.

At Malaga nearly every farmer is increasing his acreage of alfalfa. Up to the last year very little alfalfa was grown at Malaga, but next season Malaga will be able to produce more alfalfa than it needs at home.

Albert Johnson of Black River has contributed various things to the exhibit to go to Albuquerque, from time to time. This week he brought in a box of apples of four different varieties. These apples are as fine as may be grown anywhere.

Mr. Hawkinson, who bought the old Demorest place finished grubbing out all the dead trees, and has the whole forty plowed. He is now at work building a new house. He expects to plant all his land in oats by the middle of October.

W. L. Austin has been busy the past weeks planting alfalfa for Julia Bolt, and he is now at work planting forty acres for Cecil Thompson, a half mile west from Otis.

Every available team and man is at work these days plowing and planting alfalfa, winter oats, or putting to alfalfa. Never in the history of the Project has there been so much general work going on in the country as at the present time. Land that has laid idle for many years is being put back into crops, and land that has never been cleared is being grubbed and planted in alfalfa or oats. This is especially true around Loving where much land has been sold the past three weeks.

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## NOTED ROAD EXPERT

D. Ward King's Connection With Move For Better Highways.

BEGAN CAMPAIGNING IN 1902

Split Log Drag Work Started in 1896  
Rise of the Device to Fame Marked by Several Opportune Accidents  
How Railroads Took It Up.

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In closing this series of articles I am requested to write a brief history of my connection with the movement for better roads. The "road problem" began to engage my attention very soon after I came to Missouri, which was in 1879.

The split log drag work, which started in 1896, received a certain amount of notice from the public in 1898 or 1899, but nothing was done by me publicly until December, 1901, when I

addressed the state meeting of the Missouri Good Roads Association at Chillicothe.

My campaigning commenced in April or May, 1902, under the direction of our state board of agriculture, and I have worked with it more or less ever since. In the fall of 1902, when the board opened its regular series of institutes, I addressed them, and in the next few years I visited Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Nebraska, traveling for months in the employ of the various states.

In spite of the fact that I live within thirty miles of Iowa and Kansas, I

was for years balked in my efforts to start the road drag movement there because of the lack of a central institute authority in those states, a weakness which has since been remedied.

Now, Wallace's Farmer of Des Moines, Ia., had given considerable space to the King drag, so I wrote to its editor, asking advice. My letter to him was brought to the notice of General Manager Ashton of the Chicago and Northwestern, leading to the special train campaign over the Northwestern Iowa lines in the spring of 1905. The Burlington carried on a similar campaign the same fall, and in the following winter we had the pleasure of seeing a road drag law passed by the Iowa legislature.

The rise of the road drag to fame has been marked by a number of unfortunate accidents, each of which has had an influence on the outcome. In fact, as I stated in a previous article, the inception of the King drag system was itself largely accidental. And the success of my letter to Mr. Wallace was another instance, being due to the accidental coming together of Messrs. Wallace and Ashton in a Des Moines bank, they never having met before. At the bank the conversation drifted to corn, and Mr. Ashton went to Mr. Wallace's office to see some fine samples. By chance my letter lay open on the desk as they passed, and Mr. Wallace remarked, "There, Mr. Ashton, is a matter in which you and all railroad men ought to take an active interest." Mr. Ashton gave heed and began an investigation which ended in my engagement to make the tour of his road in April.

Another such occurrence which connects later on with the one just related had its beginning when the brother of our rural free delivery carrier visited him in 1902. This brother accompanied our carrier over the rural mail route and saw what the King drag was doing. He returned to his farm home near Sac City, Ia., built a drag and made a road which became the talk of the vicinity. The township authorities decided to experiment with the new method, built drags, hired men and teams, made a close record of expenses and noted results.

It happens that Sac City is a Chicago and Northwestern town, and when Mr. Ashton visited there to investigate he was shown the roads and the records. The showing satisfied him, and he at once wired me to visit his office at the first opportunity. Is it not clear that the writing of this telegraphic message began on the day that the visitor from Sac City journeyed over our rural route?

Not long after this railroad work in Iowa the Alton in Illinois and Missouri and the Santa Fe in Kansas adopted the same general plan of campaign, and all three of these states have since fallen into line by enacting road drag laws.

These campaigns by the railroads and the publication by the Saturday Evening Post of an article bearing on the

subject gave the movement great publicity, and the move has traveled around the world. Papers in Canada, Australia, and England have been urging the use of the drag. Paris has been heard from. Just now I was shown a letter stating the Missouri Road Drag Bulletin has been translated into Spanish. I have reason to believe the King drag is in use in every state of the Union, and I have the names of more than fifty Canadians who are dragging the roads.

Moreover, the people are showing an appreciation of the drag and a desire to know more about it by demanding my presence at Chautauquas and good road meetings so constantly that I have little time for other business. My Chautauqua dates for 1906 are in request already, indicating the growing interest of the public.

Last but not least, the United States office of public roads at Washington has recognized the importance of the split log drag, and Director Page has asked me to write a bulletin for the government. This bulletin will go more into detail than anything I have heretofore written and will contain new pictures as well as a cut of an implement to be used supplementary to the drag. This implement, although in use on my road for years, I have not before introduced to public notice.

FOR SALE—New Moline wagon, 31-4 in, never set up, an extra strong wagon in every way can be bought at a bargain. See at once Holloway Land Co.

## Grand Jury Report.

Carlsbad, New Mex., Sept., 15th, 1908.  
To the Hon. Wm. H. Pope, Judge.

Sir:—We, the Grand Jury, for the regular September, 1908, term of the District Court of Eddy County, beg leave to report as follows:

We have carefully investigated all matters coming before us and have found true bills in all cases where the evidence so warranted, and no bills where the evidence was deemed insufficient.

We have made a careful investigation into violations of the compulsory school law and find that a number of parents are negligent in complying with the terms of this wholesome statute, but we further find that by reason of school directors and clerks of the different school boards to comply with the instructions contained in said law, to-wit: that a synopsis of the same printed in both English and Spanish be published in some newspaper or be posted in three public places in each district, that it is impossible for this body to take any official action touching said violations.

We recommend that the school officers whose duty it is to see that said law is published or posted be required to have the same done.

From testimony before our body we are morally certain that numerous young boys have been purchasing tobacco, but have not been able to obtain testimony definite enough to warrant indictments of parties so unlawfully selling tobacco to boys, and we therefore recommend that officers be cautioned to use due diligence in enforcing the law prohibiting the sale of tobacco to young boys.

We further report that we have made a thorough investigation relative to the maintenance of houses of prostitution and find that said houses in the town of Carlsbad are operating under a valid and legal ordinance passed by the town council of the said town since the adjournment of the March, 1908, term of this court.

The books and offices of the various county officers, and the court house and jail, were examined by committees. The books in the offices of the Probate Clerk were found to be neat and orderly, the Assessor's books were reported to be in good shape. The Treasurer's books were found to be neatly kept, and all collection up to the first of the month entered and balanced and we were informed that the Territorial Traveling Auditor had examined the financial records of the Treasurer on January 28, 1908, and pronounced same correct. An examination of the Sheriff's office it was found that money collected for licenses had been turned over to the Treasurer, the Sheriff holding the proper receipts therefor. The jail was examined and found to be in a sanitary condition, but the plaster over the windows in the upper story was found to be cracking and falling off, the roof leaky, and the corner floor of the upper story being the jail proper, which floor was supposed to be constructed so as to be flushed with water, was found to be leaky, making it impossible for the floor to be so cleaned, and we recommend that necessary repairs be made, covering the above mentioned defects.

We further report that a great number of the school boys of this community are in the habit of loitering and playing games in the pool halls in the town of Carlsbad. We are advised by the District Attorney that this territory has no statute making it an offence for the proprietors of such pool halls to permit such school children to frequent them.

We regard such practice, however, as highly demoralizing and detrimental to the youths of this community, and we therefore recommend that this matter be properly cared for by ordinance, or otherwise, of the council of said town of Carlsbad.

We desire to return our thanks to the court for courtesies received and also the District Attorney, who has at all times been ready and willing to give his assistance and advice, thus expediting our investigations, and to the Sheriff and his bailiffs for the prompt and efficient service rendered our body.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. M. Gage, Foreman.

FOR RENT—Furnished room. Apply first door north Palace Hotel.

## Wanted

A gentle driving horse. See C. R. Brice.